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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-3, 5 and 6 are pending in the application.

***I. TELEPHONE CONFERENCE***

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Safaipour and Ms. Fang Lee for taking the time to conduct a telephone interview with the undersigned on April 13, 2005. During the telephone interview, the undersigned took the opportunity to explain further the present invention. In addition, the undersigned reiterated the arguments set forth in applicants' previous response originally filed on July 13, 2004.

Examiner Safaipour and Ms. Lee indicated that they now better understood the distinctions applicants were arguing in their previous response. Moreover, they agreed that the present claims are in fact distinguishable based on the reasons recited in the previous response.

Accordingly, Examiner Safaipour requested that the applicants file this response requesting that the arguments set forth in applicants' previous response be considered in view of the telephone interview. Examiner Safaipour indicated that he would perform a follow up search and, if appropriate, allow the application.

***II. CONCLUSION***

All claims 1-3, 5 and 6 are believed to be allowable and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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Should a petition for an extension of time be necessary for the timely reply to the outstanding Office Action (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary), petition is hereby made and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees (including additional claim fees) to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,

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